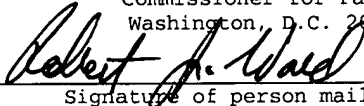




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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

- a postcard acknowledgement of receipt of papers by the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
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- an Amendment and Response to Office Action and Restriction Requirement Mailed February 26, 2003 (including attached formal drawings that include Figures 1-47 on drawing sheets 1-15);
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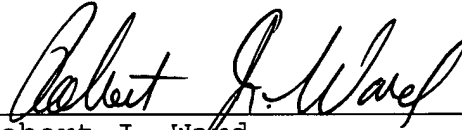
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Applicants submit that the Application and all of the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance , and Applicants earnestly seek such full allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this Application, please contact the undersigned. Applicants stand ready to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner to review this Application

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the advancement of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Ward", is written over a horizontal line.

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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION and RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT MAILED FEBRUARY 26, 2003**

Sir:

Applicants file this amendment and response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003 in which Applicants were required to elect one group from each of the three sets of groups outlined in the Office Action to define an elected

species. Applicants also submit concurrently with this filing a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fees.